

Dear Sir:

I live in Spokane wa. a very conservative onclave.
We now have between 7-10 Clear Channel stations
and yet we do not have a single station where we
can hear the opinion of other news-persons.

This myopic monopoly is the antithesis of democracy.
Mr. Powell you are a Black man as am I, yet you
not only allow but encourage the systematic
dismantelling of diversity in the media.
I believe 'minorities ' have been a great addition to
democracy. Would you agree ? If so then why are
you changing the face of radio perhaps forever.

You sir need to serve your fellow man , not some
self-serving mega-corp which sets our fight for
equality back 60 years. The FCC is no more than a
rubber stamp for the neo-cons and sir there is no
room save lip service for diversity in that group.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their
stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days
before the election is a clear example of your
turning a blind eye to the needs of a democracy for
diversity.

Will you be included in the numbers when we all are
one and we all believe the same philosophy ?
If so , please explain how a black man fits into the
ultra-right neo-con creed, where white and might is
right, and you sir will only make it to that door, only
to be told your not part of the majority.
You must protect minority beliefs and diversity.
We have come so far , yet have light-years to go,
and you have added many of those years our
blood ,sweat , and tears have earned.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge,
and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.
But when large companies control the airwaves, we
get more of what's good for the bottom line and less
of what we need for our democracy.

Remember your roots, unless you have pulled a
Michael Jackson, and now have white skin and long
straight hair, you are a minority and by pandering to
the majority you only set your people back, which in
turn sets all people back.

Robert Root